

## WHAT IS CREDIBLE INFORMATION ABOUT HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT?

Credible information about homosexual conduct exists when:

- A reliable person states that he or she observed a soldier engaging in homosexual acts;
- A reliable person hears a soldier saying that he or she is homosexual or bisexual;
- A reliable person hears a soldier say that he or she is “married” to a person of the same sex;
- A reliable person states that he or she heard, observed or discovered a soldier make a spoken or written statement that a reasonable person would believe was intended to convey the fact that he or she engages in or has the propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts;
- A reliable person states that he or she observed behavior that in the view of a reasonable person amounts to an admission by a soldier that he or she is a homosexual or bisexual.

## DON'T ASK,

**AR 600-20 “Army Command Policy,” Paragraph 4-19, Homosexual Conduct Policy.**

Questions and answers about the Army’s policy on homosexual conduct.

### What does “Don’t Ask” mean?

A person’s sexual orientation is considered a personal and private matter that is not a bar to military service unless manifested by homosexual conduct. Upon entry into the Army, applicants may not be asked or required to reveal their sexual orientations. Applicants will not be asked if they have engaged in homosexual conduct. While on active duty, soldiers will not be asked about their sexual orientations unless there is credible information of homosexual conduct.

### What does “Don’t Tell” mean?

“Don’t Tell” is the opposite side of the coin from “Don’t Ask.” It means simply that soldiers should not disclose or discuss their sexual orientations or conduct. If a soldier admits publicly to being homosexual, the commander will initiate an informal inquiry or investigation to determine if credible information exists to warrant separation.

### What is considered grounds for investigation?

A commander can only begin a fact-finding inquiry or investigation if credible information of possible homosexual conduct exists. This means that before an